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THE FIRST SETTLERS.

Amos L. Griffith Writes an Interesting Letter On the Subject.

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Editors News:

In your issue of 9th Inst. I see an article "Early History of the Sequachee Valley" by one "Uncle Joe," in which is or are some errors.

"W. S. Griffith," known as "Uncle Billie," was born Sept. 18, 1807, in a log cabin near old Madison, some ten or twelve miles above Cedar Springs on the "Daniel farm." Amos Griffith, his father, came into the head of the valley in the year 1803, with Israel Standifer, the father of Wm. I. Standifer, William I. Standifer, who was a lad of 8 or 10 years of age at the time, and a Mr. Jones, I forget his given name, but I believe it was Richard, as he was called Dicky Jones.

These four persons were the first white persons who ever put a foot in Sequachee Valley, that I ever heard of. After looking at the country a short time Amos Griffith and the others went back to Knox County where they had left their families, and Mr. Griffith put all his household goods onto a little mare, with his wife, Polly, on top of the load, shouldered his rifle, and struck out on foot across Walden's Ridge, and went into the Valley in the fall of 1805, built a cabin at the foot of Cumberland Mountain, about one mile from the old Jonathan Pope place. I do not know who lives on the Pope place at present.

There were no white settlers in the valley at the time, and the valley and the sides of the mountain on each side was a dense cane break, abounding with elk, deer, turkeys, bears, wolves, panthers, wildcats, and other vermin, game &c., in great abundance, besides Indians.

It was against the laws of the United States for white people to settle among the Indians of the valley, consequently Mr. Griffith was what is known as an

"Intruder." Shortly after Mr. Griffith settled in the valley, a Mr. Anderson, I forget his given name, settled on the east side of the valley near the Allen Kirklie farm. Mr. Anderson was the father of Mrs. Kirklie, who was born about March, 1807, being the first white child born in Sequachee Valley. Mrs. Kirklie was the mother of parson John Alley's wife, of Dunlap.

Israel Standifer and Mr. Jones came to the valley about the year 1807.

The first settlers had a hard time to subsist as the United States Regulars visited the valley soon after Mr. Griffith settled on the place and burned his cabin, and would have made him a prisoner if he had been in sight. They burned him out every year, and cut down his growing corn, and if they waited till it was matured and gathered into his crib, they burned the crib. This was continued annually until he had three children: William S., Jehu and James, the father of Dr. B. W. Griffith.

One time the soldiers captured Amos Griffith, burned his cabin and crop, left him and the children standing round the burning cabin, and took the old man along with them. He was riding a good horse, and as they journeyed he cut a keen switch. When night came on, the old man still sat on his horse guarded by eight soldiers. While some built a fire and were preparing supper, and others attending to stock, he gave his horse a keen lick with his switch. The horse jumped and knocked down one of the soldiers, and in a few more jumps was out of sight in the cane and darkness. The other soldiers fired at him as he ran, but missed him. It was not long before he joined his wife and children whom he found sitting by the fire of his burned cabin.

He at one time moved across the Sequachee River and settled just above the Kirklie place near the foot of Walden's Ridge, I forget the year. Owing to being burned out, he shifted the sites of his cabin from place to place, till he finally settled at Cedar Springs, where

he raised a numerous family.

His family consisted of William S., Jehu, James, Jesse, Isaac, Luke P., Madison and Joel, sons, and the following daughters, Francis, (called Fanny,) Naomi, Susan, Jemima, and Polly Ann, all of whom died except James and Joel but there is a large progeny of grandchildren and great grandchildren, and great great grand children.

I am the oldest of the grandchildren, was born at the foot of old Cumberland Mountain, about 1 1/2 miles in a line north of the court house in Jasper, at what is now known as the Ketchum place, Dec. 2, 1830. I could relate many anecdotes that I heard my grandfather relate in regard to his ups and downs during the first years of his residence in the valley, but reserve them for another time.

AMOS L. GRIFFITH.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Directors Meet and Engage Teachers for Next Term

The directors of 24th school district held a meeting last Friday, and elected teachers.

Miss Amanda L. Raulston was elected principal and Miss Jennie A. Harris, as assistant teacher.

The spring term will commence Monday, Feb. 3rd, and continue five months, ending Friday, June 27.

The opening exercises will be held at the school house, Monday week at 9 a. m., and the people of the school district are cordially invited to be present.

With a school population of 279 in the district, there should be a full attendance this term.

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WHITWELL, TENN.

SULPHUR SPRING.

Special to the News.

E. L. Carlton and W. L. Richards made a flying trip to Dunlap Sunday. Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

B. R. Alder went to Whitwell Saturday.

Misses Ella Bryaet and Lora Smith were visiting Misses Della and Stella Carlton last week.

Misses Lena and Emma Smith visited Misses Flora and Lattie Brooks Thursday afternoon.

J. B. Brooks and W. L. Richards went to Whitwell Friday.

Some from this place attended church at Oak Grove Sunday.

A party given Tuesday night by the Misses Carlton in honor of Misses Ella Bryant and Lora Smith, was highly enjoyed.

Ask Misses Della and Stella Carlton and Lora Smith if they ever found their overshoes.

Quite a crowd attended here Sunday and enjoyed an interesting sermon preached by Rev. Moreland.

Mr. P. R. Hackworth called on his best girl Sunday.

Prof. Jeff Shelton made a flying trip to Oak Hill Sunday to see his best girl.

Misses Kittie Richards and Lena Smith went to Whitwell, Monday, shopping.

P. E. Carlton went to Whitwell Thursday.

John Moore, Arthur Davis and Thoms Andes attended church here Sunday.

Rich Brown went to Whitwell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Bailey visited James Bailey Sunday.

SUNSHINE.

BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Fatal Accident to John Sansom at Cowan, Tenn.

COWAN, Tenn., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—John Sansom, a brakeman on the Tracy City branch of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, fell from a car at this place last night. Two loaded coal cars passed over his legs and both were crushed. Doctors amputated one leg, but the patient never rallied sufficiently for them to operate on the other and died early this morning.

The deceased has been a brakeman on the Tracy City branch for several years, and lived at Tracy City, where he has a family.

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JASPER.

Special to the News.

Dr. J. N. Simpson spent Friday and Saturday in Chattanooga.

H. G. Simpson spent Saturday in Chattanooga.

Miss May Walker, of Bass, Ala., is the guest of Miss Ellen Donaldson.

Miss Beasley, of Middle Tennessee, has entered Pryor Institute.

Miss Verda Bennett, of Sequachee, is a pupil of Pryor Institute.

Friday next terminates the free school, but the principal will continue his work with a pay school.

Friday the Lost Heir Club, which was organized last week met at the home of Miss Grace Spears. The game played was progressive euchre, the honor bestowed upon Miss Oliver. The club decided to meet alphabetically; according to this the next place of meeting will be with the Misses Donaldson.

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Stopped in this Valley.

'Squire W. H. Gott, of Oak Grove, kindly gives us the following interesting bit of information:

Gen. Grant coming to Chattanooga in Oct. 1863 to relieve Gen. Rosecrans and to take command of his forces after having brought the siege of Vicksburg, Miss., to a successful close, stopped one night at the old Joe Riley place, near Inman where Henry Mitchell now lives. Generals John M. Corse and Dan Butterfield accompanied the General and Mark Alder, who died several years ago, was serving on his staff as an orderly at the time.

The date of this occasion was probably Oct. 22, 1863.

Gen. Rosecrans returning from Chattanooga stopped one night at Capt. P. M. Pryor's, near Oak Grove, where 'Squire Gott now lives.

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Old Soldier Gone.

Isham Quarles died at his home near Glover's Hill, Jasper, Friday, Jan. 17, after an illness of four weeks, aged 76 years. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Calvin Hancock to survive him.

He was born at Spartanburg, N. C. In Nov., 1803, he enlisted in Co. D, 50th Kentucky Vols. and served until the close of the war, being discharged April 18, 1865. He became a member of Post 53, G. A. R., Oct. 9, 1897, and was a valued and respected member.

His funeral took place Saturday, Jan. 18, services being held at his residence. At Jasper the funeral cortege was joined by a delegation of Post 53, G. A. R. and at the Dame Church the ritual of the G. A. R. was performed by the Post under Commander Hill. There was a good attendance, in spite of the inclement weather, of people present to pay their respects so worthy a citizen.

The interment was made in the graveyard adjoining the church.

Resolutions.

At a special meeting of Post 53, G. A. R., held Jan. 18, 1902 a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions and they reported as follows:

Whereas our ranks are again broken by the death of our Comrade, Isham Quarles, therefore be it
Resolved that, regretting the loss of a worthy comrade, we tender our condolence and sympathy to his widow and daughter who survive him.

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